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One of every nine Alabama residents is now at least 65 years old. Alabama ranks twenty-third among the states both in number and proportion of persons 65 and over within its population. As this elderly population becomes an increasingly prominant group, their special needs become more and more important to legislators, planners, and service providers throughout the state and nation.

AGE, RACE, AND GENDER

Alabamians are growing older. That portion of the population made up of persons 65 years old or older grew from 9.5 percent of the state population in 1970 to 11.3 percent in 1980. The Census Bureau estimates that in 1984 nearly 12 percent of Alabama's citizens were age 65 or over. This is in keeping with the national trend whereby the elderly population grew from 9.9 percent of our country's population in 1970 to 11.3 percent in 1980, and 11.9 percent in 1984. In 1984 there were 476,000 Alabamians who were 65 years old or older.

Alabama's total population growth rate between censuses was faster than the national growth rate, and since the 1980 census that trend has continued. One of the fastest growing segments of Alabama's population is people 65 and over. The older population may be grouped in brackets of 65-74 years, 75-84 years, and 85 years or older. As life expectancy increases, more people enter the upper brackets. Between 1970 and 1980 the 65-74 group went from 6.0 percent of the total state population to 7.1 percent; the 75-84 group increased from 2.7 percent of the state population to 3.3 percent; and the 85 and over group grew from 0.7 percent of the state population in 1970 to 0.9 percent in 1980.

In 1980 in Alabama 75.7 percent of persons 65 years old and over were white and 24.0 percent black. Only 0.3 percent were of other races. Females comprised 60.3 percent of whites 65 years old and over and 60.0 percent of blacks at least 65 years old. Therefore, females comprised 60.2 percent of all persons 65 years old and over.

The majority of Alabama's elderly (63 percent) were between the ages of 65 and 74. Only 7.6 percent were 85 or older. Some 48 percent of all Alabama's elderly were female and between 65 and 79 years old, while only 12 percent were female and 80 or older. Within each age group more than half were female, and the proportion of females increased with age.

LIVING CONDITIONS

The 1980 census recorded 1.3 million households in Alabama. Twenty-one percent of these were headed by a person 65 years old or older. The Census Bureau makes a distinction between a family household and a nonfamily household. A nonfamily household is a household consisting of a person living alone or of a householder living with other unrelated individuals. A widow whose unemployed son has moved back home is a family householder; a widow who has taken in an unrelated boarder is a nonfamily householder.

The overwhelming majority (78 percent) of all Alabama householders are family householders. Only 15.8 percent of the family householders are 65 years or older, while 41 percent of the nonfamily householders are elderly. More than 75 percent of family households with an elderly householder had no children present. A child in this case is someone under 18 years old who has never been married. Most householders 65 years or older (68 percent) were married and living with their spouses in 1980. Most families with a senior householder had two persons in the family. Less than 5 percent of all families with an elderly householder had as many as seven persons in the family.

Within elderly *nonfamily* households, 96 percent of the persons 65 years and over were householders living alone. This means there were 119,000 one-person households in Alabama in which the person was 65 years old or older.

Some older Alabamians do not live in households, but in group quarters. The Census Bureau defines group quarters as prisons, fraternity and sorority houses, dormitories, barracks, homes for the aged, residential hospitals, boarding houses, convents, monasteries, ships, and mental institutions. The majority (90.5 percent) of Alabamians 65 years and older living in group quarters were living in homes for the aged; 6.1 percent were in other institutions, such as correctional institutions or homes, schools, or hospitals for the mentally or physically handicapped; and 3.4 percent were living in other group quarters, such as rooming houses.

INCOME AND POVERTY

In 1980 approximately 48,000, or 11 percent of Alabama's citizens age 65 or older, were members of the civilian labor force. Of employed persons 65 and older, 38 percent were women. Some 41 percent of elderly unemployed persons who were looking for work were women.

Nearly 90 percent of families with an elderly householder with earned income in 1979 were above the poverty level. While the majority of elderly householders with earned income were above the poverty level, many other older householders in Alabama were living near the poverty level. One fifth of family householders and half of the nonfamily householders 65 years old and over were below the poverty level. Almost all of the nonfamily householders below poverty were people living alone, and many of these were women. The image of the elderly widow living by herself in poverty still haunts us.

Although females comprise about 68 percent of all persons 65 and over below the poverty level, a woman who lives with family is less likely to suffer from poverty. Less than 6 percent of all *family* householders 65 years old and over were females below the poverty level. The presence of family members to share one's senior years is not only emotionally satisfying, but also economically beneficial.

Having gotten a good education also helps ward off poverty after age 65, and the combination of family and education is a pretty good guarantee. More than 90 percent of elderly householders, male or female, in married couple families or in families with no spouse present, who completed college were above poverty. The same holds true for those who completed high school. Nearly 90 percent of elderly householders living in families who completed high school were above poverty.

Unfortunately, in 1980 only 14.6 percent of Alabamians 65 years old and over had completed high school. The number of female high school graduates was almost twice as large as the number of male graduates of the same age. Only 6 percent of

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GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1984									1985			
	1983	1984	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] (1,000 net tons)	23,071	28,068	2,211	2,327	2,377	2,056	2,590	2,418	2,517	2,238	2,201	1,916	1,931	2,288	2,189
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	126,576	137,180	11,386	11,920	9,984	10,667	11,898	11,371	11,742	12,156	13,079	12,825	11,617	12,608	11,845
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs.)	360,820	338,597	27,531	30,038	26,733	23,408	29,670	28,420	30,981	26,510	25,200	25,162	25,680	28,182	29,150
Crude oil and condensate production[2] (1,000 barrels)	18,708	19,807	1,533	1,673	1,583	1,752	1,680	1,673	1,662	1,696	1,763	1,761	1,634	1,862	1,761
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	21,020	24,250	1,983	2,005	2,104	2,039	2,146	2,135	2,097	2,063	1,971	1,912	1,960	1,892	1,931
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	6,166	6,514	571	525	561	534	559	540	571	520	496	533	509	578	496
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] ($1,000)	2,763,700	3,030,000	175,200	570,200	231,400	210,600	383,400	202,200	230,000	235,000	168,700	215,200	243,700	234,700	265,000
Residential	1,286,500	1,226,800	104,600	116,100	114,100	105,900	163,200	96,800	84,200	90,300	51,200	87,200	83,900	106,900	120,400
Nonresidential	1,025,800	930,000	48,500	93,000	71,300	60,700	137,900	43,900	68,100	84,200	89,500	90,300	133,100	35,000	97,400
Public works and utilities	451,300	873,400	22,100	361,200	46,400	43,900	84,200	59,300	57,800	60,500	28,000	37,500	26,900	92,800	47,100
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	1,086	1,197	100	112	117	102	110	105	105	100	83	64	70	111	125
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] ($1,000,000)	5,263	5,887	5,387	5,416	5,492	5,544	5,606	5,681	5,740	5,805	5,887	5,961	6,013	6,119	6,156
Tax collections ($1,000)															
Total	2,288,165	2,637,841	234,338	246,438	198,192	195,871	215,569	241,633	225,955	217,523	188,995	234,054	208,140	263,264	254,000
Franchise	52,214	64,476	5,379	1,275	2,504	8,422	2,315	6,357	4,799	2,537	292	743	1,415	31,254	7,315
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	199,587	207,095	17,123	17,585	17,564	17,504	17,752	18,217	16,284	17,697	16,942	17,148	16,883	14,472	16,799
Income	811,873	1,009,832	82,869	130,465	81,367	42,840	90,776	92,998	48,127	88,819	76,705	65,174	99,678	113,517	93,180
Motor fuels	45,027	50,278	3,895	4,703	3,735	3,580	5,287	3,166	4,583	5,374	4,679	3,572	4,033	3,943	3,682
Oil gas privilege	89,645	70,183	5,164	5,571	5,438	5,605	9,662	5,294	5,319	4,829	6,159	5,629	5,747	7,786	5,357
Oil gas production	17,290	17,331	1,384	1,460	1,437	1,478	1,322	1,409	1,413	1,287	1,649	1,504	1,537	2,173	1,433
Sales	609,132	704,299	55,808	56,985	58,145	57,514	56,957	58,767	81,495	58,477	52,785	74,362	50,419	55,423	61,037
2.2% Gross receipts	46,185	54,765	13,448	210	1	13,723		15	13,638	66		13,643		1	13,200
TVA electric	31,290	36,734	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	6,895		3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451
Tobacco	68,915	70,022	5,734	6,072	6,211	5,980	6,516	6,380	5,990	5,939	5,313	6,299	5,573	5,367	5,535
Use	66,519	75,723	15,351	2,019	604	16,868	1,310	1,419	18,146	1,389	531	18,440	842	846	17,614
Utility	152,287	151,261	11,714	9,654	11,225	12,587	14,277	12,234	10,527	11,889	13,322	16,356	12,754	14,381	10,308
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] (1967 = 100)															
All items	298.4	311.1	308.8	309.7	310.7	311.7	313.0	314.5	315.3	315.3	315.5	316.1	317.4	318.8	320.1
Food	291.7	302.9	302.3	301.4	302.0	303.2	304.8	304.2	304.4	304.1	305.1	307.3	309.5	309.7	309.6
Housing	323.1	336.5	333.2	334.6	336.2	338.1	339.5	341.4	341.2	340.9	341.2	342.0	343.6	344.7	345.9
Fuel and utilities	370.3	387.3	380.9	385.5	390.0	393.9	395.5	397.0	392.4	387.5	386.0	387.2	386.5	388.2	388.7
Apparel and upkeep	196.5	200.2	199.2	198.9	197.4	196.6	200.1	204.2	205.7	205.2	203.2	199.8	201.8	205.3	205.9
Transportation	298.4	311.7	309.6	312.2	313.1	312.9	312.9	313.7	315.5	316.1	315.8	314.7	314.3	316.7	320.0
Medical care	357.3	379.5	375.7	376.8	378.0	380.3	381.9	383.1	385.5	387.5	388.5	391.1	393.8	396.5	398.0
Energy	419.3	423.6	421.3	426.1	428.5	428.3	427.3	429.0	426.7	421.8	418.9	414.5	411.4	416.6	424.4
Producer Price Index, U.S.[5] (1967 = 100)															
All commodities	303.1	310.3	311.3	311.5	311.3	311.9	310.7	309.3	309.4	310.3	309.8	309.8	309.2	308.7	309.3
Industrial commodities	315.7	322.6	322.6	323.2	323.8	323.9	323.3	322.2	323.4	323.8	323.0	323.2	322.5	322.6	323.8
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers (1977 = 100)	121.3	127.9	138.0	134.0	127.0	129.0	121.0	122.0	115.0	119.0	114.0	117.0	117.0	119.0	114.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. (1967 = $1.000)															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	335	321	324	323	322	321	319	318	317	317	317	316	315	314	312
Wholesale prices	330	322	321	321	321	321	322	323	323	322	323	323	323	324	323
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,758.0	1,794.0	1,790.3	1,804.8	1,821.5	1,815.0	1,807.5	1,808.3	1,816.4	1,801.5	1,797.5	1,794.7	1,796.2	1,797.6	1,808.3
Unemployment	240.0	200.0	191.5	188.8	200.6	211.6	196.0	197.9	190.8	192.3	208.0	203.7	196.9	193.1	164.8
Unemployment rate	13.7	11.1	10.7	10.5	11.0	11.7	10.8	10.9	10.5	10.7	11.6	11.4	11.0	10.7	9.1
Employment	1,518.0	1,594.0	1,598.8	1,616.7	1,620.9	1,603.4	1,611.5	1,610.4	1,625.6	1,609.2	1,589.5	1,591.0	1,599.3	1,604.5	1,643.5
Nonagricultural	1,328.8	1,383.6	1,379.7	1,385.8	1,403.1	1,391.6	1,396.3	1,390.8	1,398.0	1,400.4	1,394.5	1,383.0	1,384.5	1,382.4	1,399.6
Manufacturing	340.9	358.5	361.4	363.1	367.2	358.8	364.6	358.3	360.5	358.6	349.0	352.1	352.6	344.2	352.2
Durable goods	159.2	173.5	173.4	174.6	177.1	175.7	176.7	176.0	175.5	175.2	173.6	172.8	173.8	173.6	174.6
Lumber and wood products	27.9	29.7	29.4	29.8	30.4	30.6	30.8	30.4	30.1	29.5	29.4	28.8	28.9	29.1	29.1
Stone, clay, glass products	8.7	8.8	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.1	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.2	8.8	8.4	9.0	9.1
Primary metals	24.8	26.4	26.6	26.9	27.0	26.5	26.9	26.5	26.2	26.6	26.3	26.4	26.2	26.1	26.2
Blast furn. and steel works	5.7	7.4	7.7	7.8	7.9	7.7	7.6	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.6	7.6
Iron and steel foundries	10.5	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.2	10.1	10.2	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.3	10.5
Fabricated metals	21.8	23.0	22.9	23.0	23.1	23.2	23.4	23.3	23.2	23.3	23.2	23.3	23.5	23.3	23.4
Machinery (excl. electrical)	15.1	17.7	17.6	17.7	18.0	18.0	17.9	18.1	17.8	18.0	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.5	18.4
Electrical, electronic equip.	21.5	23.2	22.9	23.1	23.5	23.3	23.3	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.6	22.9	23.1	22.7	22.8
Transportation	21.7	25.3	25.0	25.2	25.9	25.8	26.0	26.2	26.6	25.9	25.7	25.5	26.0	25.8	26.5
Other durable goods	17.7	19.5	20.0	19.9	20.2	19.3	19.3	19.2	19.4	19.7	19.2	18.9	19.0	19.1	19.1
Nondurable goods	181.7	184.9	188.0	188.5	190.1	183.1	187.9	182.3	185.0	183.6	175.4	179.3	178.8	170.6	177.6
Food	27.0	28.0	27.5	27.8	28.2	28.3	28.4	28.4	28.8	29.0	28.2	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.8
Textile mill products	39.1	39.3	40.8	40.7	40.2	38.5	39.8	37.7	37.8	37.5	36.9	36.6	35.9	35.3	36.3
Apparel	54.9	55.0	57.3	57.6	58.3	52.8	56.3	53.3	55.5	54.2	47.2	50.7	51.2	43.7	48.9
Paper and allied products	21.5	21.3	21.2	21.2	21.7	21.7	21.5	21.2	21.1	21.2	21.1	21.4	21.2	21.3	21.8
Printing and publishing	10.6	11.3	11.3	11.3	11.4	11.3	11.3	11.2	11.4	11.3	11.4	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.7
Chemicals and allied products	11.8	11.9	11.9	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	11.9	11.9	12.0	11.9	11.8	11.8
Rubber products	14.8	16.0	15.8	15.7	16.1	16.3	16.3	16.3	16.2	16.3	16.5	16.3	16.3	16.0	16.3
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.0
Nonmanufacturing	987.9	1,025.1	1,018.3	1,022.7	1,035.9	1,032.8	1,031.7	1,032.5	1,037.5	1,041.6	1,045.5	1,030.9	1,031.9	1,038.2	1,047.4
Mining and quarrying	13.7	14.4	14.2	14.3	14.6	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.2	14.6	14.7	14.7	15.0	14.9	15.0
Bituminous coal mining	10.3	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1	9.6	10.0	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.5	10.6
Contract construction	59.8	64.5	62.8	64.2	66.8	67.4	67.4	67.9	66.2	65.2	66.6	63.7	62.3	65.7	67.3
Trans., comm., and utilities	69.7	72.1	71.5	72.3	73.4	72.7	73.2	72.5	72.7	72.5	72.4	71.4	71.4	72.0	72.5
Trade	273.3	290.3	285.4	287.7	291.3	292.1	295.2	296.3	296.2	299.9	301.5	292.5	289.7	290.6	293.4
Wholesale	70.1	73.6	72.8	73.1	74.3	74.8	74.8	74.7	74.7	75.0	74.9	74.1	73.6	73.9	73.9
Retail	203.1	216.7	212.6	214.6	217.0	217.3	220.4	221.6	221.5	224.9	226.6	218.4	216.1	216.7	219.5
Finance, insurance, real estate	59.9	62.6	61.9	62.2	63.0	63.5	63.4	63.2	63.2	63.5	63.8	63.8	63.9	64.3	64.7
Service and miscellaneous	218.9	227.5	228.6	228.3	229.6	228.6	228.6	228.9	229.8	228.6	228.7	228.6	230.0	230.8	232.3
Government	292.7	293.8	293.9	293.7	297.2	293.9	289.2	288.9	295.2	297.3	295.8	296.2	299.6	299.9	302.2
Federal	65.3	64.8	64.0	64.1	64.5	64.8	65.1	65.0	65.0	65.4	65.5	65.5	65.7	66.1	66.2
State and local	227.3	229.1	229.9	229.6	232.7	229.1	224.1	223.9	230.2	231.9	230.3	230.7	233.9	233.8	236.0

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984									1985			
	1983	1984	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	207,309	212,083	14,672	17,512	18,528	20,564	20,649	16,081	21,596	18,684	13,391	21,285	16,261	18,276	17,001
Nonagricultural placements	91,100	97,761	7,082	7,314	9,582	14,871	14,203	7,719	7,844	6,543	4,876	5,229	4,821	6,204	6,961
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	428,181	435,832	24,214	25,009	23,457	50,560	37,376	29,346	36,116	35,891	41,032	74,659	34,635	32,416	29,881
Payments *($1,000)*	191,868	172,593	11,949	13,048	12,192	13,536	15,564	12,258	13,716	14,253	16,158	21,274	16,520	15,977	13,782
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,590	15,670	15,650	15,740	15,790	15,620	15,640	15,780	15,800	16,070	15,920	15,910	15,880	15,910	16,000
	14.2	9.6	9.4	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.4	9.3	8.6	10.9	10.5	10.1	9.5	9.1	8.5
Baldwin	34,220	35,530	35,000	34,840	35,460	35,830	35,400	37,450	35,440	35,630	37,380	35,550	35,830	37,120	36,270
	12.1	10.9	9.7	8.6	8.9	10.0	9.3	14.8	8.9	9.7	14.7	9.9	10.1	12.8	8.7
Barbour	11,990	12,220	12,150	12,410	12,380	12,300	12,320	12,480	12,740	12,340	12,200	11,930	11,950	12,450	12,190
	13.1	10.5	9.1	9.0	9.6	10.3	9.7	10.9	12.7	10.7	12.4	13.2	12.3	16.2	10.1
Bibb	5,960	6,240	6,320	6,270	6,370	6,320	6,380	6,310	6,250	6,300	6,210	6,210	6,190	6,100	6,170
	19.5	16.6	17.2	16.1	14.5	14.5	16.7	14.3	13.0	15.6	19.9	19.9	16.6	12.9	11.7
Blount	16,860	16,760	16,710	16,610	16,710	16,990	16,450	16,520	16,640	16,690	16,990	17,070	16,620	16,570	16,640
	15.0	11.0	10.5	9.4	9.2	11.1	8.6	9.1	9.5	10.4	11.8	12.3	9.6	8.6	7.4
Bullock	4,600	4,520	4,360	4,500	4,580	4,560	4,670	4,730	4,980	4,730	4,500	4,330	4,350	4,310	4,490
	17.2	14.5	11.3	11.1	14.8	17.1	16.9	14.4	16.0	14.8	17.6	16.8	15.4	13.3	12.6
Butler	9,790	9,800	9,770	9,810	9,880	9,920	9,870	10,000	10,190	9,710	9,650	9,560	9,560	9,660	9,550
	17.4	13.8	12.7	12.7	14.0	15.1	14.4	13.1	13.4	13.2	13.1	13.1	13.9	16.1	11.6
Calhoun	46,220	47,500	47,070	47,360	47,830	48,570	48,190	47,840	48,210	48,110	48,020	47,960	48,150	47,830	47,930
	13.1	11.3	10.1	10.0	10.6	13.7	11.7	10.9	11.2	11.5	11.2	11.4	11.7	10.9	9.3
Chambers	16,750	16,500	16,880	16,940	16,890	16,870	16,570	16,380	16,200	15,930	15,960	16,050	16,340	16,240	16,570
	9.8	9.3	8.9	10.5	10.9	11.6	9.7	9.0	8.9	8.3	8.4	9.2	11.6	11.4	9.6
Cherokee	11,500	11,670	11,800	11,930	11,130	11,560	12,090	12,320	12,290	11,620	11,080	11,000	11,090	11,010	11,150
	15.2	14.0	10.7	10.9	18.7	18.1	8.7	8.3	16.1	15.6	15.8	16.7	16.6	17.1	12.6
Chilton	15,530	16,180	16,200	16,510	16,290	16,020	16,070	15,950	16,030	15,980	15,520	15,840	15,780	15,730	16,040
	13.1	11.3	10.8	10.5	11.2	11.8	11.7	10.9	11.3	13.1	12.8	14.4	13.3	12.2	11.4
Choctaw	5,510	5,790	5,750	6,000	5,790	5,810	5,730	6,050	5,850	5,820	5,930	5,780	5,870	6,060	5,880
	15.1	16.3	12.8	13.8	14.1	18.4	14.4	22.4	18.6	15.1	22.9	16.0	16.2	23.2	13.8
Clarke	10,750	10,630	10,540	10,640	10,690	10,880	10,600	10,810	10,400	10,540	10,550	10,420	10,560	10,370	10,240
	16.2	14.3	12.2	12.7	12.9	15.0	13.1	19.8	12.9	14.0	18.7	11.9	12.8	16.5	9.9
Clay	7,360	7,580	7,590	7,760	7,600	7,560	7,740	7,740	7,670	7,610	7,580	7,530	7,360	7,600	7,370
	14.0	10.9	10.1	10.8	11.7	12.0	11.7	10.5	8.6	9.7	12.8	10.0	10.8	13.9	9.8
Cleburne	5,160	5,250	5,180	5,220	5,270	5,490	5,170	5,240	5,310	5,320	5,310	5,340	5,360	5,440	5,530
	12.5	10.2	8.6	8.6	10.5	14.2	10.0	8.1	8.2	11.7	12.0	11.6	12.7	15.4	12.1
Coffee	19,830	20,210	20,020	20,470	20,510	20,450	20,350	20,410	20,900	20,250	19,890	19,730	19,930	20,140	20,270
	10.9	8.4	7.7	8.2	8.2	8.7	7.9	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.3	7.7	7.8	8.2	6.5
Colbert	23,700	23,920	24,190	24,030	24,430	24,200	24,120	24,080	23,810	23,920	23,880	23,760	24,250	23,940	24,030
	18.7	16.4	17.2	16.1	16.2	16.7	15.4	15.2	14.7	15.5	16.6	16.8	18.0	16.3	14.8
Conecuh	6,970	7,210	7,060	7,290	7,160	7,170	7,060	7,680	7,420	7,350	7,650	7,280	7,290	7,580	7,340
	12.7	11.8	10.8	10.1	10.9	11.5	9.6	14.7	10.5	10.6	15.3	11.2	10.3	13.9	9.6
Coosa	5,500	5,600	5,550	5,590	5,570	5,540	5,620	5,770	5,710	5,700	5,690	5,830	5,670	5,820	5,770
	10.3	8.0	7.6	6.9	8.4	8.1	8.6	9.1	7.2	8.0	8.4	10.4	9.4	8.7	6.3
Covington	16,350	16,370	16,390	16,490	16,470	16,390	16,470	16,250	16,520	16,090	16,360	17,060	16,680	16,440	16,380
	12.2	9.9	9.7	9.0	9.2	10.6	9.4	8.0	8.9	8.6	10.8	15.1	12.6	13.3	10.1
Crenshaw	7,210	7,460	7,490	7,760	7,550	7,390	7,510	7,950	7,840	7,440	7,340	6,990	7,060	7,330	7,330
	12.1	11.0	9.5	10.3	9.8	10.3	9.5	16.0	8.0	9.1	16.7	10.3	10.3	17.0	8.0
Cullman	28,590	29,550	29,540	29,890	29,840	29,670	30,220	30,070	30,600	29,960	29,470	30,020	29,690	29,500	29,720
	14.7	11.5	10.4	9.7	10.3	11.0	12.3	9.6	10.4	12.3	13.9	15.3	13.3	11.1	9.7
Dale	22,200	22,740	22,880	23,040	23,070	22,850	22,690	22,960	23,210	22,920	22,640	22,630	22,810	23,630	23,300
	9.5	7.7	7.8	7.5	7.7	8.7	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.2	6.9	6.8	7.1	10.7	6.8
Dallas	23,290	23,130	22,970	23,110	23,490	23,430	23,660	23,510	23,690	23,250	23,140	23,160	23,160	23,050	22,920
	17.6	15.7	15.1	14.3	15.4	16.3	16.9	16.0	16.5	16.0	15.8	15.4	15.2	14.2	12.8
DeKalb	29,870	30,830	30,760	31,290	31,700	32,030	31,660	31,050	31,330	30,940	30,670	30,670	30,530	30,660	30,850
	13.8	10.8	10.2	9.9	10.5	10.9	9.5	9.7	10.2	10.9	12.4	12.6	12.3	12.0	10.9
Elmore	20,620	20,770	20,770	21,020	21,130	20,890	20,900	20,940	21,020	20,910	20,810	20,960	21,170	21,270	21,510
	12.2	7.7	7.6	7.7	7.9	7.8	7.3	7.5	7.0	7.4	7.7	7.7	8.2	8.0	7.9
Escambia	17,440	18,110	17,980	18,220	18,470	18,270	18,140	18,610	18,100	18,270	18,360	18,070	17,910	17,990	18,010
	12.5	12.1	10.6	11.1	10.6	10.8	10.1	16.9	10.3	11.8	17.0	11.0	9.5	15.1	8.8
Etowah	42,290	42,610	42,410	42,270	42,710	43,080	43,190	43,200	43,020	42,890	42,870	42,270	42,210	41,870	41,980
	17.4	13.4	13.0	11.9	12.1	13.7	13.3	13.4	13.5	13.9	14.7	14.3	14.0	13.0	11.2
Fayette	10,100	10,440	10,460	10,550	10,460	10,390	10,570	10,580	10,570	10,610	10,440	10,510	10,500	10,620	10,540
	11.7	9.5	8.6	8.2	8.7	9.8	10.1	8.9	10.3	10.5	12.2	14.6	13.7	17.4	12.8
Franklin	14,110	14,830	14,950	15,090	15,200	15,340	14,930	14,520	14,610	14,550	14,560	14,420	14,580	14,280	14,290
	18.2	18.6	17.5	17.1	15.6	20.8	17.3	16.2	15.7	17.9	18.9	20.5	20.2	15.3	13.6
Geneva	11,360	11,740	11,620	11,940	12,220	12,060	11,740	11,920	12,370	11,900	11,560	11,620	11,660	12,260	12,010
	10.4	8.2	8.1	7.6	7.5	9.4	7.2	6.8	8.3	8.3	8.9	10.6	9.2	22.5	8.7
Greene	4,650	4,760	4,730	4,690	4,820	4,800	4,840	4,910	4,880	4,750	4,740	4,660	4,780	4,780	4,660
	16.6	17.1	15.8	14.7	15.3	15.7	15.8	18.3	17.0	17.4	20.8	20.2	21.9	21.6	16.1
Hale	5,340	5,480	5,480	5,530	5,490	5,630	5,480	5,580	5,590	5,490	5,480	5,290	5,320	5,340	5,340
	16.5	17.1	16.0	14.6	16.5	20.6	17.3	16.7	14.8	16.3	18.3	16.9	16.7	15.7	12.9
Henry	7,240	7,290	7,290	7,590	7,400	7,250	7,320	7,580	7,750	7,480	7,150	7,090	7,160	7,390	7,520
	11.2	9.4	8.1	8.3	9.0	10.4	9.7	9.6	9.0	10.3	10.2	13.4	13.2	14.3	11.2
Houston	35,860	36,540	36,480	37,040	37,110	36,930	36,460	36,860	37,340	37,050	36,620	36,730	36,900	36,940	37,280
	11.3	9.0	8.4	8.9	9.1	10.5	8.5	8.5	8.8	9.1	8.8	9.1	9.1	9.5	7.7
Jackson	20,680	19,790	20,060	19,920	19,700	20,260	19,550	19,420	19,710	19,840	19,840	19,240	19,350	19,520	19,730
	22.1	16.8	15.5	14.3	15.5	21.3	15.4	14.0	14.1	14.7	19.3	14.8	15.2	15.1	14.1
Jefferson	302,570	303,510	304,620	305,490	309,490	308,440	305,990	304,420	305,220	300,770	301,180	300,140	301,670	301,150	304,610
	13.1	9.8	10.0	9.7	10.1	10.1	9.8	9.5	9.5	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.6	7.8	7.2
Lamar	8,860	9,340	9,320	9,410	9,550	9,490	9,320	9,410	9,480	9,530	9,460	9,520	9,620	9,600	9,680
	9.7	7.3	6.5	7.1	8.5	8.8	7.4	7.0	6.5	7.2	7.1	8.0	8.7	8.6	7.3
Lauderdale	35,050	35,600	35,530	35,540	36,270	36,170	36,140	35,930	35,880	35,660	35,060	35,300	34,980	34,750	34,730
	16.6	14.8	14.6	13.9	14.4	15.5	14.4	13.9	14.2	14.0	13.8	15.1	13.8	12.5	10.6
Lawrence	14,340	13,450	13,670	13,810	13,600	13,510	13,400	13,390	13,470	13,330	13,010	13,230	13,220	13,030	13,200
	18.8	15.1	15.8	15.6	14.6	15.2	13.7	13.5	13.0	14.6	14.8	15.3	15.3	12.1	11.5
Lee	35,870	38,470	38,470	39,050	39,530	38,290	38,310	37,820	38,820	39,080	38,850	39,030	39,190	39,130	39,370
	8.4	6.5	6.2	6.1	7.6	7.4	7.3	6.9	6.8	6.1	5.7	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.6
Limestone	19,310	20,230	20,140	20,400	20,170	20,060	20,130	20,650	21,100	20,830	20,740	20,810	21,160	21,340	21,860
	14.1	10.8	11.1	10.3	10.7	11.4	11.0	10.0	9.6	9.2	10.4	10.8	11.4	9.5	7.9
Lowndes	5,190	5,090	5,070	5,150	5,160	5,110	5,150	5,180	5,150	5,190	5,070	4,890	4,920	4,950	5,030
	17.9	18.3	20.1	18.4	19.3	20.4	19.9	18.9	17.1	16.4	16.7	16.9	17.5	16.4	16.0
Macon	7,950	8,150	7,960	8,040	8,390	8,360	8,310	8,070	8,540	8,300	8,210	8,220	8,340	8,380	8,470
	13.6	11.1	10.0	9.6	13.9	13.8	13.6	11.6	10.6	9.5	9.4	10.3	10.2	9.3	8.8
Madison	109,350	117,780	115,640	117,260	119,290	118,900	119,890	119,640	121,170	120,430	120,830	122,530	121,450	121,250	122,770
	8.5	7.1	7.1	6.8	7.2	7.3	6.6	6.3	6.8	6.3	6.7	7.9	6.6	6.0	5.8
Marengo	9,800	9,720	9,470	9,670	9,800	10,000	9,760	10,250	9,960	9,720	9,930	9,550	9,520	9,830	9,520
	15.5	14.2	12.2	12.0	13.3	15.7	12.3	20.0	13.9	12.3	18.8	13.3	14.4	19.1	11.2
Marion	13,700	13,580	13,520	13,630	13,770	13,810	13,680	13,530	13,710	13,620	13,750	14,000	13,610	13,440	13,450
	19.4	14.9	13.5	12.0	11.5	13.4	14.7	14.0	15.4	16.5	19.6	21.6	17.9	17.2	16.4
Marshall	31,080	33,050	33,010	33,400	33,460	33,720	33,060	33,120	33,390	32,900	33,560	33,140	32,930	32,690	32,970
	14.4	12.6	11.6	10.7	11.5	16.1	11.3	10.8	10.7	10.8	17.9	14.3	12.3	10.5	9.1
Mobile	162,590	164,730	164,630	165,770	168,260	167,720	167,210	164,480	166,680	165,400	164,050	164,810	164,440	164,160	166,910
	15.9	12.6	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.7	11.8	11.9	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.0	10.4	9.8

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984									1985			
	1983	1984	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)—continued															
Monroe	10,670	11,140	10,940	10,830	11,010	10,900	10,950	12,520	11,050	11,170	11,940	10,790	10,730	11,160	10,810
	12.6	16.2	12.1	10.2	12.7	12.5	11.9	32.7	13.2	14.4	31.2	13.9	12.8	29.3	11.6
Montgomery	92,990	96,610	96,410	97,250	98,700	97,650	97,560	97,000	98,200	97,130	96,920	97,010	96,860	97,080	97,820
	10.5	8.8	8.5	8.3	9.4	9.3	8.7	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.6	8.3	7.7	7.3	6.9
Morgan	37,910	38,870	39,280	39,640	40,140	39,680	39,200	39,070	38,880	38,390	38,300	38,560	38,550	38,350	38,890
	14.5	11.5	11.6	11.2	11.7	11.9	11.0	11.2	10.9	10.8	10.6	11.7	11.1	9.4	8.9
Perry	5,850	5,820	5,680	5,770	5,920	5,890	5,970	5,990	6,030	6,130	6,010	5,900	5,780	5,830	5,920
	14.8	13.3	10.4	10.0	10.9	12.1	11.8	10.8	10.0	16.4	21.2	18.8	11.9	11.7	10.6
Pickens	7,510	7,080	7,040	7,200	7,270	7,170	7,140	7,030	7,070	7,000	6,900	6,960	7,110	7,000	7,130
	18.0	15.9	15.3	17.3	16.2	16.3	15.9	13.8	13.8	16.7	16.8	17.0	18.4	15.8	15.4
Pike	13,680	13,560	13,550	13,690	13,670	13,440	13,680	13,470	14,570	13,800	13,060	13,770	13,820	14,000	14,310
	13.7	10.1	9.5	9.0	10.1	10.4	10.2	10.3	8.7	8.7	10.7	8.7	8.2	8.6	7.8
Randolph	9,060	8,790	8,610	8,740	8,780	9,160	8,770	8,720	8,930	8,790	8,590	8,680	8,830	8,670	8,730
	17.9	14.9	13.2	13.3	14.4	22.2	17.0	15.7	14.1	12.0	10.7	11.6	18.1	10.7	10.0
Russell	18,120	19,290	18,830	19,090	20,460	19,650	19,310	19,040	19,190	20,070	19,480	19,950	19,160	19,220	19,470
	13.7	12.9	11.3	11.8	17.1	13.4	10.9	10.8	11.1	14.7	12.3	14.7	12.4	12.1	11.8
St. Clair	19,240	19,400	19,290	19,260	19,490	19,350	19,370	19,750	19,460	19,670	19,910	20,100	20,030	19,750	19,460
	14.2	11.5	10.8	10.1	10.4	10.1	10.8	12.4	10.9	12.5	13.4	14.3	13.6	11.7	8.9
Shelby	31,300	31,910	31,780	32,170	32,780	32,640	32,170	31,760	31,990	31,940	31,650	31,640	31,830	32,100	32,280
	12.1	10.3	9.7	10.3	11.2	11.2	10.3	9.3	9.7	10.2	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	8.4
Sumter	6,920	7,250	7,560	7,360	7,470	7,220	7,070	7,270	7,470	7,180	7,220	7,160	7,080	7,020	7,110
	14.3	11.5	12.3	9.9	12.8	13.3	12.7	10.7	10.1	11.5	13.5	13.5	12.7	14.0	11.7
Talladega	31,560	31,150	31,050	31,150	31,970	31,250	31,530	32,230	30,750	31,360	31,140	31,230	31,500	31,070	30,900
	17.2	15.8	14.7	14.3	16.1	15.5	16.7	20.8	14.3	16.9	16.9	18.3	18.8	16.6	13.8
Tallapoosa	16,600	17,300	17,350	17,370	17,850	17,780	17,810	17,290	17,290	17,160	17,010	17,120	17,050	17,080	17,170
	12.1	9.4	8.7	8.4	9.6	10.0	10.4	9.1	9.2	9.4	9.6	11.4	10.6	11.9	9.2
Tuscaloosa	56,310	58,150	58,580	59,210	58,230	57,550	58,040	58,450	58,940	58,770	58,670	57,840	59,050	58,900	59,340
	12.4	9.6	9.1	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8	8.7	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.7	7.3
Walker	32,400	32,560	32,170	32,380	32,440	32,410	32,240	32,110	32,340	33,040	33,830	33,630	33,390	33,340	33,270
	16.3	13.3	12.1	12.2	11.6	11.8	11.8	11.5	12.0	14.4	16.3	15.9	14.9	14.1	12.4
Washington	6,330	6,490	6,450	6,680	6,460	6,620	6,410	6,730	6,670	6,450	6,380	6,280	6,160	6,270	6,090
	20.0	18.1	15.6	18.7	17.6	21.5	18.2	20.8	18.8	16.9	19.4	17.8	15.9	17.0	13.0
Wilcox	5,870	5,480	5,420	5,580	5,800	5,680	5,620	5,530	5,540	5,370	5,190	5,070	5,470	5,210	5,280
	20.2	15.3	15.3	15.7	16.9	16.7	15.3	14.7	14.2	13.5	13.3	12.4	22.0	14.7	13.3
Winston	9,030	9,260	9,200	9,410	9,290	9,080	9,060	9,060	9,460	9,370	9,530	9,420	9,340	9,040	8,980
	18.7	19.6	17.5	18.6	16.5	17.4	17.5	17.1	20.5	21.1	24.4	25.6	23.4	19.3	16.7
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value ($1,000)	643,182	726,362	72,261	83,186	44,217	90,034	54,364	68,859	64,093	41,830	62,625	64,445	72,680		
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	6,288	9,484	718	905	769	988	1,019	1,032	971	477	1,282	1,044	1,029		
Exports															
Value ($1,000)	788,611	622,949	32,516	60,119	47,488	31,808	44,217	42,139	62,763	80,528	65,538	59,759	38,630		
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	9,496	21,911	2,096	1,930	1,915	1,292	2,293	1,719	2,353	1,892	1,739	2,201	2,398		
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[4] (1,000 tons)	34,916	38,790	3,110	3,266	3,413	3,307	3,549	3,362	3,445	3,524	3,262	3,151	3,083	3,028	3,279
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	23,017	24,285	1,604	1,607	1,868	2,445	2,384	2,339	1,861	1,785	1,911	2,108	2,400	1,733	1,617
Gasoline sales[5] (1,000 gallons)	1,861,406	1,905,267	162,606	162,470	161,968	163,798	168,845	150,779	163,960	157,127	158,793	156,773	133,925	155,025	
New passenger car registrations[6] (number)	122,393	141,896	11,616	13,890	12,648	12,806	12,579	10,981	11,452	11,547	11,757	10,748	10,403	13,107	12,522
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[7] ($1,000,000)															
Food		3,648	305	301	303	311	309	310	304	304	328	309	291	315	304
General stores with food and gas		175	15	15	16	15	15	15	15	15	15	13	12	15	15
General merchandise		2,382	191	191	196	176	190	181	185	238	356	161	150	198	210
Apparel		568	52	45	47	41	48	45	46	52	76	38	35	52	49
Furniture, furnishings, etc.		544	43	44	45	47	46	43	46	49	56	44	39	48	43
Automotive		3,065	259	281	283	269	281	243	258	245	241	232	242	297	285
Gasoline service stations		296	25	26	26	26	26	24	26	23	25	24	22	25	24
Lumber and building materials		890	77	81	82	79	80	79	81	76	66	58	54	78	85
Hardware and farm implements		427	39	40	40	38	38	37	37	35	31	29	28	38	41
Eating places		1,292	103	104	106	112	117	110	109	107	119	99	95	117	108
Drug stores		264	21	24	25	19	21	20	20	21	29	26	22	20	21
All other retail		2,162	175	176	181	169	185	179	182	190	245	175	156	181	177
Total sales by retail concerns		15,732	1,304	1,330	1,355	1,301	1,356	1,288	1,308	1,355	1,586	1,207	1,148	1,386	1,362
Nonretail and unclassified concerns		2,618	214	229	228	219	228	230	226	214	240	180	173	207	219
Total all sales at retail		18,350	1,518	1,558	1,582	1,520	1,585	1,518	1,534	1,569	1,826	1,387	1,320	1,593	1,581
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[7] ($1,000)															
MSAs															
Anniston		507,798	42,273	43,102	43,687	41,934	42,706	41,649	43,342	43,901	50,016	37,362	35,954	43,271	44,117
Birmingham		5,033,275	417,135	429,656	434,040	416,003	441,462	424,801	419,270	424,799	490,210	384,959	369,909	444,156	439,721
Dothan		643,363	52,862	56,012	57,229	53,804	54,947	50,937	54,544	54,309	63,754	47,979	47,713	54,406	54,814
Florence		642,781	51,028	51,571	52,275	51,046	52,215	49,322	51,858	52,829	64,675	43,798	40,870	52,148	53,538
Gadsden		459,479	38,366	38,952	39,527	41,831	41,119	37,104	38,486	37,081	44,501	33,189	31,233	38,320	39,021
Huntsville		1,049,536	85,699	88,103	89,286	86,598	89,902	84,843	87,092	92,277	106,857	78,848	76,191	91,300	93,642
Mobile		2,102,419	177,432	179,754	185,901	179,492	184,200	170,712	173,695	175,131	203,092	157,679	149,488	177,941	176,106
Montgomery		1,429,680	117,041	122,707	124,747	119,646	122,069	117,379	116,447	124,751	146,078	107,892	105,682	124,890	122,395
Tuscaloosa		631,309	50,684	52,066	53,322	51,062	55,374	53,490	53,170	53,089	64,760	47,057	47,070	55,165	54,455
Counties															
Autauga		96,658	8,238	8,137	8,431	8,420	8,216	8,064	7,966	8,239	9,249	7,457	7,883	8,828	8,944
Baldwin		341,674	28,689	30,045	30,896	31,162	31,427	28,089	28,121	27,836	30,524	24,734	24,403	30,113	29,248
Barbour		71,570	5,893	6,202	6,334	6,188	6,656	5,584	6,080	6,162	6,858	5,601	5,227	6,119	6,143
Bibb		41,386	3,314	3,674	3,711	3,266	3,621	3,269	3,500	3,782	4,200	2,991	3,045	3,480	3,386
Blount		89,039	7,154	7,750	7,927	7,471	8,243	7,349	7,952	7,453	8,581	6,934	6,790	8,034	8,139
Bullock		25,652	2,123	1,977	2,001	2,014	2,106	2,178	1,851	2,119	2,891	2,137	2,081	2,059	1,953
Butler		65,563	5,554	5,370	5,473	5,667	5,679	5,723	5,146	5,515	5,858	5,085	4,601	5,456	5,190
Calhoun		507,798	42,273	43,102	43,687	41,934	42,706	41,649	43,342	43,901	50,016	37,362	35,954	43,271	44,117
Chambers		107,006	9,079	9,382	8,917	8,913	8,922	8,447	9,082	9,187	9,895	8,244	7,540	9,035	8,860
Cherokee		47,891	4,128	4,340	4,432	3,861	4,172	3,756	4,014	3,798	4,397	3,740	3,412	4,087	4,444
Chilton		99,765	8,267	8,494	8,634	8,029	8,510	8,074	8,747	8,799	10,151	7,496	7,792	9,302	9,037
Choctaw		36,636	3,039	2,925	3,007	3,098	3,197	2,845	2,916	3,086	3,566	3,112	2,613	2,968	2,873
Clarke		98,644	8,615	7,937	8,061	7,671	8,821	8,257	8,669	8,799	10,071	7,889	7,747	8,711	8,847
Clay		26,807	2,220	2,243	2,285	2,172	2,267	2,194	2,171	2,231	2,569	2,010	1,938	2,109	2,224
Cleburne		22,175	1,951	1,986	2,000	2,093	1,997	1,756	1,868	1,710	1,680	1,586	1,375	1,909	2,288
Coffee		185,553	16,213	16,490	16,275	14,951	15,276	14,579	14,317	14,961	17,770	13,736	13,676	15,462	16,165

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984									1985			
	1983	1984	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar	Apr.
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert		249,846	21,051	21,733	22,031	21,515	21,620	20,081	20,916	20,465	23,832	17,382	17,155	21,054	21,563
Conecuh		37,496	3,132	3,080	3,034	2,968	2,862	4,323	2,822	2,973	3,633	2,746	2,682	3,142	2,854
Coosa		8,925	717	700	671	760	826	813	842	828	698	784	759	796	752
Covington		136,931	11,558	11,618	11,836	11,258	12,007	11,061	11,336	10,909	13,071	9,808	9,766	11,348	11,332
Crenshaw		30,733	2,540	2,533	2,581	2,466	2,348	2,179	2,666	3,077	3,155	2,539	2,505	2,984	2,977
Cullman		237,581	20,050	20,201	20,046	20,008	19,896	19,142	21,055	20,363	23,421	16,815	16,121	21,332	20,968
Dale		104,901	8,492	8,857	8,984	8,944	8,834	8,908	8,759	9,020	10,683	7,834	8,096	9,640	9,482
Dallas		199,113	16,519	17,279	17,387	16,277	16,467	16,192	17,137	17,227	19,635	15,385	14,153	16,725	16,849
DeKalb		180,369	14,711	15,556	15,868	14,959	15,492	14,942	15,254	15,823	17,560	12,327	11,459	15,259	15,516
Elmore		101,996	8,221	8,865	9,047	8,624	9,008	8,778	8,138	8,345	9,827	7,642	7,837	9,204	9,220
Escambia		141,753	12,450	11,746	11,940	11,383	11,532	11,279	12,263	11,879	14,710	10,566	10,373	11,916	12,385
Etowah		459,479	38,366	38,952	39,527	41,831	41,119	37,104	38,486	37,081	44,501	33,189	31,233	38,320	39,021
Fayette		64,908	5,400	5,683	5,756	4,967	5,280	5,730	5,116	5,079	6,385	4,370	4,572	5,221	4,684
Franklin		99,517	8,430	8,434	8,631	8,147	8,527	8,174	8,022	8,784	9,789	7,807	7,137	13,188	8,358
Geneva		144,817	12,075	12,455	12,504	11,657	11,908	11,847	11,669	12,646	13,662	11,358	11,253	12,042	12,165
Greene		18,306	1,492	1,614	1,639	2,062	1,611	1,368	1,509	1,397	1,479	1,231	1,075	1,337	1,423
Hale		31,088	2,573	2,805	2,854	2,528	2,783	2,601	2,522	2,508	2,712	2,497	2,189	2,681	2,501
Henry		35,727	3,011	2,956	3,011	2,953	2,999	3,280	2,790	3,225	3,684	3,330	2,853	2,968	3,180
Houston		538,462	44,370	47,155	48,245	44,860	46,113	42,029	45,785	45,289	53,071	40,145	39,617	44,766	45,332
Jackson		136,553	10,919	11,322	11,636	11,259	12,662	11,330	12,094	12,165	13,526	10,274	10,309	12,669	11,805
Jefferson		4,278,740	355,203	363,040	366,657	351,947	374,467	362,226	355,253	361,074	420,452	324,781	314,264	375,957	370,927
Lamar		37,907	3,127	3,428	3,472	3,128	3,078	2,963	2,952	3,153	3,217	2,802	2,445	3,230	3,111
Lauderdale		362,941	29,977	29,838	30,244	29,531	30,595	29,241	30,942	32,364	40,843	26,416	23,715	31,094	31,975
Lawrence		51,746	4,216	4,589	4,677	4,108	4,442	4,238	4,404	4,548	5,267	3,634	3,741	4,549	4,617
Lee		346,609	28,452	29,222	29,605	28,061	29,073	29,673	29,364	30,575	34,909	25,241	24,525	29,866	30,314
Limestone		161,472	13,573	14,100	14,358	13,124	13,886	13,414	13,103	13,968	15,810	12,216	12,223	14,730	14,781
Lowndes		16,836	1,380	1,462	1,480	1,336	1,366	1,372	1,431	1,407	1,768	1,422	1,564	1,743	1,137
Macon		45,104	3,654	3,760	3,838	3,770	4,291	4,001	3,661	3,636	3,982	3,650	2,919	3,365	3,445
Madison		1,049,536	85,699	88,103	89,286	86,598	89,902	84,843	87,092	92,277	108,857	78,848	76,191	91,300	93,642
Marengo		69,337	5,439	5,510	5,634	5,465	5,847	5,488	5,903	6,440	7,226	6,062	5,333	5,979	5,994
Marion		95,309	7,474	7,926	8,139	7,813	7,998	7,852	7,633	8,331	10,053	7,627	6,601	8,335	8,503
Marshall		339,406	28,112	29,289	29,820	28,261	29,634	28,249	28,412	29,520	33,451	25,127	24,616	31,199	32,415
Mobile		1,760,745	148,743	149,709	155,005	148,330	152,773	142,623	145,574	147,295	172,568	132,945	125,085	147,828	146,858
Monroe		102,725	7,767	7,711	7,937	7,721	8,954	9,190	8,969	11,484	10,934	6,091	5,993	8,238	7,392
Montgomery		1,231,026	100,582	105,705	107,269	102,602	104,845	100,537	100,343	108,167	127,002	92,793	89,962	106,858	104,231
Morgan		452,907	37,603	38,551	39,123	36,426	38,736	38,007	38,346	40,549	47,149	32,692	31,713	40,304	43,088
Perry		25,163	2,028	2,148	2,171	2,096	2,313	2,378	2,165	1,998	2,163	1,755	1,778	2,060	2,030
Pickens		41,341	3,625	3,639	3,693	3,451	3,567	3,319	3,596	3,300	3,775	2,793	2,858	3,484	3,593
Pike		90,699	7,349	7,582	7,501	7,154	7,896	7,633	8,020	7,762	8,987	7,646	6,516	7,585	7,256
Randolph		57,905	4,443	4,792	4,861	4,674	4,447	4,674	4,794	5,187	5,351	5,503	4,531	5,229	4,649
Russell		121,345	9,962	10,380	10,404	10,384	10,772	10,004	10,337	10,108	11,823	9,086	8,641	10,146	10,669
St. Clair		120,985	9,984	10,753	10,936	10,100	10,278	10,194	10,527	9,515	10,819	9,024	9,330	11,646	11,602
Shelby		253,334	20,805	22,707	22,939	21,957	23,310	20,983	21,059	20,964	21,847	21,122	18,029	22,797	22,352
Sumter		30,980	2,563	2,410	2,508	2,530	2,556	2,434	2,610	2,890	3,107	2,488	2,255	2,555	2,629
Talladega		240,089	20,366	22,808	21,292	20,634	19,735	18,618	19,191	20,112	23,681	18,159	17,309	20,251	20,362
Tallapoosa		127,475	11,075	11,410	11,589	10,720	10,386	9,840	10,119	10,767	11,804	9,518	8,739	10,565	10,625
Tuscaloosa		631,309	50,684	52,066	53,322	51,062	55,374	53,490	53,170	53,089	64,760	47,057	47,070	55,165	54,455
Walker		291,177	23,989	25,406	25,581	24,528	25,164	24,049	24,479	25,773	28,511	23,098	21,496	25,722	26,701
Washington		21,464	1,825	1,931	1,971	1,695	2,022	1,791	1,898	1,630	1,786	1,498	1,582	1,669	1,643
Wilcox		27,999	2,249	2,406	2,468	2,356	2,313	2,227	2,290	2,189	2,605	2,115	2,035	2,180	1,961
Winston		71,264	6,159	6,434	6,439	5,736	6,070	5,991	5,652	5,922	6,686	5,524	5,110	6,690	6,381
Statewide		973,354	77,105	75,661	77,971	76,374	82,108	83,089	86,131	86,070	106,966	79,842	64,957	82,910	77,443
BUILDING PERMITS															
Alabama															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	1,079,085	1,258,032	193,079	97,366	115,116	99,776	47,117	80,497	84,514	95,153	105,139	60,081	65,750	123,177	108,071
Residential	449,881	438,383	46,811	38,102	43,568	36,909	42,389	33,332	36,966	36,682	20,874	25,999	28,712	45,287	52,029
Nonresidential	366,127	586,743	130,709	42,724	53,582	44,597	79,263	27,171	29,249	36,821	66,040	21,592	26,887	60,384	41,663
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	8,848	8,869	788	915	842	833	749	694	737	669	613	659	627	826	844
Residential	3,593	3,530	317	408	324	322	317	248	256	255	263	256	272	384	329
Nonresidential	932	1,213	113	117	139	104	92	90	95	93	76	111	73	96	110
Birmingham															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	213,343	104,141	7,619	5,562	8,258	8,169	14,214	10,005	5,797	12,365	13,186	5,535	11,188	14,508	10,021
Residential	81,921	15,598	2,551	814	1,299	763	1,285	1,271	1,076	963	802	773	1,241	1,301	1,615
Nonresidential	108,370	25,706	90	768	2,963	2,369	1,967	3,606	4,675	1,568	5,114	2,057	2,717	8,457	6,406
Decatur															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	14,095	18,028	1,106	1,520	1,342	1,909	2,170	1,767	1,920	1,720	1,476	1,444	1,133	1,939	2,051
Residential	7,340	11,596	739	1,096	925	1,080	1,357	1,053	1,142	1,052	897	914	570	1,138	1,189
Nonresidential	2,156	2,744	139	172	171	355	429	318	347	294	249	93	226	398	402
Dothan															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	18,943	17,520	1,353	1,326	1,514	901	1,599	1,344	1,857	2,461	1,458	967	886	830	2,986
Residential	7,760	6,718	695	448	759	182	226	370	670	1,405	203	324	432	399	556
Nonresidential	6,339	5,478	518	238	257	125	641	666	860	680	483	58	118	46	2,098
Gadsden															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	13,596	9,316	565	1,351	865	166	260	886	2,546	1,057	215	123	288	964	241
Residential	2,006	2,129	347	976	219	26	74	46	53	128		56	103	462	
Nonresidential	3,912	5,826	163	122	493	101	143	813	2,331	894	188	40	141	474	144
Huntsville															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	122,759	147,927	8,111	13,997	13,853	14,007	14,163	6,626	8,187	13,808	19,407	5,178	6,268	24,795	15,973
Residential	51,350	55,064	4,843	3,753	6,032	3,331	6,078	2,825	2,982	8,817	1,593	2,863	1,440	3,194	2,683
Nonresidential	45,128	73,370	2,413	8,366	5,970	9,394	6,045	3,339	3,835	3,266	15,945	2,668	2,755	18,084	11,107
Mobile															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	109,508	254,605	116,254	6,250	36,928	6,707	4,020	6,484	10,322	10,320	31,156	7,730	4,770	6,892	5,991
Residential	38,261	26,314	2,639	2,009	6,935	3,208	1,071	1,201	2,636	1,673	1,065	1,478	1,738	1,234	1,372
Nonresidential	49,663	197,690	112,221	3,331	28,665	2,127	1,153	3,886	2,288	7,264	28,688	5,120	2,165	4,458	3,185

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984									1985			
	1983	1984	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	76,984	94,852	6,330	6,994	7,007	8,192	6,070	7,254	8,188	11,037	6,049	6,554	6,027	8,624	9,126
Residential	32,619	35,697	2,509	2,493	2,528	3,504	3,361	2,991	3,262	5,463	2,557	2,140	3,036	3,836	4,096
Nonresidential	28,264	46,198	2,496	3,043	3,059	3,719	3,896	3,407	4,000	5,193	2,843	3,750	2,321	3,960	4,060
Quad-Cities[1]															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	12,978	39,267	2,443	4,910	1,260	2,227	1,799	2,246	1,917	800	12,947	691	532	1,416	2,138
Residential	6,391	7,172	700	792	323	633	721	533	430	381	126	351	177	704	506
Nonresidential	3,736	23,675	1,079	3,887	614	1,265	160	196	323	178	12,150	48	51	379	442
Selma															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	4,197	7,002	1,019	356	158	994	184	819	593	309	312	36	109	184	73
Residential	357	643	87	82	117	148	75		76	35		36	109	184	73
Nonresidential	798	1,908	717	35		7		617	4	188	167				
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	30,159	34,459	1,804	4,323	4,183	1,719	2,805	2,463	2,228	3,713	3,739	1,420	7,960	3,678	6,403
Residential	14,849	15,717	988	2,153	1,284	737	1,634	1,356	789	1,268	1,218	693	4,328	2,792	6,726
Nonresidential	6,227	10,707	277	1,529	1,901	615	360	552	1,145	664	2,029	100	2,933	493	876

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. — Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[1]Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[3]End-of-month balance.

[4]Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[5]These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[6]Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[7]Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[8]Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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[10]Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the *Census of Retail Trade*. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

[11]Represents permits issued by selected permit-issuing places. Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census. "Reported value" includes additions and alterations and is not a sum of residential and nonresidential.

[12]Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

Steve Fowler leaves CBER

The Center for Business and Economic Research regrets very much the resignation of Mr. Steve Fowler. Steve served as Research Associate and as Editor for the Center since January, 1981. His contributions to the Center have been significant. Alabama Business represents only one of the many projects to which Steve's very capable talents were displayed. Steve deserved and received the respect of all his colleagues. His dedication, talent, and pleasant personality will be greatly missed. The CBER staff wishes Steve well in all his future endeavors and we offer him sincere thanks for a job exceptionally well done.

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persons 65 years and over had completed four or more years of college. In this category there were about three female college graduates for every two male graudates.

In 1979, 55.7 percent of families with householders 65 years old and older had a family income of less than $10,000. Less than one percent of families with householders 65 years old and over had a family income of $75,000 or more. The median family income in 1979 for families with householders 65 years and over was $9,008. Persons living in households accounted for 98.6 percent of the aggregate income for persons 60 years and over while only 1.4 percent was attributable to those living in group quarters.

HOUSING CONDITIONS

The majority of older Alabamians live in single-family homes they own. In 1980 there were 301,000 total occupied housing units in the state whose householder or spouse was age 65 or older. One quarter of these were occupied by renters. Eighty-three percent of owner-occupied and 57 percent of the renter-occupied homes were one-family units. Less than five percent of both the total occupied units and the renter-occupied units were mobile homes. Older people also shunned condominiums. Only 0.5 percent of the total occupied housing units were condominiums. Of the 1,413 condominiums in Alabama with an elderly householder, over half were rented.

A significant number of seniors live in houses that were built prior to 1949. Ten percent of the renters and 28 percent of the owners lived in housing at least that old. Many of these owners bought their homes before prices and interest rates reached today's heights. Some 87 percent of the owner- occupied noncondominium housing units with householders 65 years and over had monthly payments of less than $199.00.

Some of the housing units occupied by older Alabamians was substandard. Nearly 7 percent of the total occupied units lacked complete plumbing; this characteristic was found in 13 percent of rented units. Six percent lacked a complete kitchen; 11 percent of rented units lacked complete kitchens.

Other housing characteristics of older Alabamians indicate limited financial means, even if the house or apartment was not actually substandard. Ten percent of the total occupied units and 19 percent of rented units with an elderly householder had no telephone. Thirty percent of the total occupied units and 53 percent of rented units with a householder at least 65 years old were without a vehicle.

Almost half of these units which were either lacking complete plumbing, without vehicle available, lacking complete kitchen facilities, or with no telephone were renter occupied. About half of both the total occupied units and the rented units had no central heating system. Almost 30 percent of the occupied units without either a central heating system or air conditioning were rented.

In summary, occupied housing units with householder or spouse age 65 and over are more likely to owned than rented. These householders show strong preference for traditional single-family, detached housing regardless of whether they own or rent. If the housing unit exhibits some characteristic indicating lesser quality, such as lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities, the unit is more likely to be rented than owned.

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